* *Live Stock Perished in Gulbarga District*

(1) SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Kalagi).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry be be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the cattle (livestock) in Gulbarga District perished during the drought of 1972—73 ;

(*b*) if so, to what extent (approximate (figures of live stock of Gulbarga District before and after the drought be given) ;

(*c*) the steps the Government has taken to help the agriculturists who have lost their cattle.

(*d*) whether the Government has any plan for recouping the perished cattle by providing sufficient cattle in the drought sticken area.

(*e*) whether the Government is aware that the milk supply in this area is very acute due to the loss of cattle.

(*f*) if so, the steps the Government has taken to supply sufficient milk to Gulbarga District ?

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry).—

(*a*) Yes. Some have died.

(*b*) 474, No livestock census was taken before and after the drought. Cattle Census is taken up once in 5 years. The livestock in Gulbarga District during tha census conducted in 1966 and the one conducted in 1972 was 13,03 994 and 13,30,328 respectively.

(*c*) The following table gives the expenditure incurred by Government in helpins the agriculturists who lost their cattle :—

(1) For purchase of Fodder seeds Rs. 8,441-87.

(2) For free distribution of eggs to scarcity labourers Rs. 72,668-40.

(3) For free distribution of grass slips etc. Rs. 36,105-05.

(4) Amount placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner Gulbarga for grant of loans to the Agriculturists for purchase of bullocks. Rs. 15,00,000-00.

(*d*) A sum of Rs. 15 00 lakhs was placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga for being granted as loans to the Agriculturists for purchase of bullocks.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*e*)

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—In reply to (a) and (b) whether the cattle in Gulbarga District perished during the drought of 1972-73

and if so to what extent, you have said 'some have died. 474'. Is it not a fact that almost all the cattle in this Gulbarga District, either perished or the people have sold them and that there is absolutely no cattle in Gulbarga District ? What steps Government are taking in this regard ?

† SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA.—It is not true to say that almost all the cattle have perished. It is a fact that some of the farmers sold the unproductive elements to the vatious agencies and some of the cattle were driven to the forest area for grazing. Some were kept in Gulbarga District, for being given treatment.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Sir, in reply to (c), four reasons are given and in reply to (d) it is said that a sum of Rs. 15 lakhs was placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga for being granted as loans to the agriculturists for purchase of bullocks. Will you kindly tell me how much of this amount of 15 lakhs of rupees placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner, has been given for the purchase of cattle and how much amount remains with the Deputy Commissioner, still to be distributed ?

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA.—I want notice.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಜ್. ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಉಚಿತ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಂಚುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ೭೨,೬೬೪ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಹೇಗೆ ಹಂಚಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅವು ನಿಜವಾಗಿ ಬಡಪಾಯಿಗಳಿಗೆ ತಲುಪಿವೆಯೇ ಇಲ್ಲವೇ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರಿಸಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕೇಗೌಡ.—ಸ್ಕೇರಿಸಿಟಿ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಹಾಗೆ ಪ್ರಾಜೆಕ್ಟ್‌ಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ರಸ್ತೆಗಳ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ಬೇಯಿಸಿ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಹಂಚಿದೆ. ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ಬೇಯಿಸಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ತಿನ್ನಲೇ ಬೇಕು, ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಜನಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಂಚಿದೆ. ಅವು ದುರುಪಯೋಗವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ದನಗಳಿಗೆ ಎತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ತಿನ್ನಿಸುವುದು ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೋ ಇಲ್ಲವೋ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ರೈತರು ದನಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ತಿನ್ನಿಸುವುದನ್ನು ನಾನು ನೋಡಿದೆ ನೆ.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Will you just kindly tell me whether or not the Deputy Commissioner has passed orders not to distribute this amount of Rs 15 lakhs on account of financial stringency ? Will the Government order release of this amount to the agriculturists to purchase cattle because every farmer is feeling great difficulty in purchasing cattle and carrying on his agricultural operations ?

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA.—I have already stated that I have no information regarding distribution of Rs 15 lakhs. I have to check up the information given by the Hon Member that the Deputy Commissioner or the State Government has given instructions not to give loans and then only I will be in a posstion to say anything. Taking note of this suggestion, Government will certainly consider it.

* *Licence to private operators plying between Bangalore and Kunigal*